



February 5, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR: CONTACTING GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Madison First United Methodist Church,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! What a joy and honor it is to be alongside you in ministry here in Madison, in The North Georgia Conference (NGC), and in The United Methodist Church. I am grateful for each of you and for the honor to serve as Senior Pastor. I am most grateful you choose to make me "your" pastor.

We at Madison First UMC have been in prayer for The United Methodist Church regarding the vote on "The Way Forward" that will take place February 23-26, 2019, at the General Conference in St. Louis. The church leadership and I have placed information before you and hosted a town hall meeting so each of us could come to our own personal decision regarding this matter. I have chosen not to declare publicly my personal opinion regarding the vote on "The Way Forward." I welcome you to come speak with me personally if you wish. **You may also reply to this email and it will come directly and only to me.**

Today, February 5, 2019, I have emailed the North Georgia Conference delegation with my plea for them regarding the vote. I invite you to do the same. I recommend you communicate your plea clearly, concisely, and graciously as possible.

Attached is a link having thorough information regarding General Conference and a link to the delegation from the NGC ([at the bottom of this note is the block listing of all the emails to make it easy for you to cut and paste the address block to send all the delegates your email at one time](#)).

<https://www.ngumc.org/gc2019>

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Please accept my blessing for all of us as we journey to St. Louis and as we prepare for the journey following General Conference:

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory with rejoicing, 25 to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Jude 1:24-25

Grace and Peace,

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